

REMARKS

This paper is a preliminary amendment filed with the reissue of U.S. Patent 6,356,794.

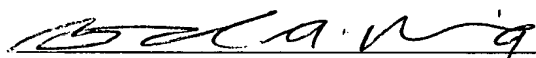
Claim 4 of the original patent has been amended to correct a typographical error. New claims 17 to 78 have been added. Claims 17 to 78 are supported by the original specification and drawings. No new matter has been added. All claims are new, non-obvious, and useful.

At least some of the newly added claims broaden the claimed subject matter over that claimed in the original patent.

Prompt passage to allowance is respectfully requested.

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REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

The accompanying reissue application includes changes made to Claim 4. New claims 17 to 78 have been added. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.173(c), the following is the status of the claims and the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims by preliminary amendment filed herewith.

Claim 4 was changed to correct a typographical error. Accordingly, the term “fault” was replaced with the word “fault.” Support therefor is found in the original specification and in the original parent claim 4. Furthermore, the language is consistent with claim 4 as originally filed.

New claim 17 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 17 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 18 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 18 depends from claim 17. Support for new claim 18 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 6:6-14, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 19 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 19 depends from claim 18. Support for new claim 19 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 6:6-14, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 20 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 20 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 21 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 21 depends from claim 20. Support for new claim 21 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 6:6-14, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 22 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 22 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 23 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 23 depends from claim 22. Support for new claim 23 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 6:6-14, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 24 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 24 depends from claim 22. Support for new claim 24 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 25 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 25 depends from claim 22. Support for new claim 25 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 26 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 26 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 27 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 27 depends from claim 26. Support for new claim 27 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 6:6-14, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 28 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 28 depends from claim 26. Support for new claim 28 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 29 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 29 depends from claim 26. Support for new claim 29 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 30 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 30 depends from claim 29. Support for new claim 30 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 31 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 31 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 32 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 32 depends from claim 31. Support for new claim 32 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 6:6-14, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 33 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 33 depends from claim 31. Support for new claim 33 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 34 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 34 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 35 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 35 depends from claim 34. Support for new claim 35 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 6:6-14, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 36 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 36 depends from

claim 34. Support for new claim 36 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 37 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 37 depends from claim 34. Support for new claim 37 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 38 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 38 depends from claim 34. Support for new claim 38 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 39 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 39 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 40 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 40 depends from claim 39. Support for new claim 40 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 6:6-14, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 41 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 41 depends from claim 39. Support for new claim 41 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 42 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 42 depends from claim 39. Support for new claim 42 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 43 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 43 depends from claim 42. Support for new claim 43 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 44 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 44 depends from claim 42. Support for new claim 44 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col.

19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 45 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 45 depends from claim 39. Support for new claim 45 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 46 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 46 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 47 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 47 depends from claim 46. Support for new claim 47 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 48 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 48 depends from claim 46. Support for new claim 48 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 49 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 49 depends from claim 48. Support for new claim 49 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 50 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 50 depends from claim 49. Support for new claim 50 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 51 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 51 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 52 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 52 depends from claim 51. Support for new claim 52 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 53 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 53 depends from claim 51. Support for new claim 53 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 54 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 54 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 55 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 55 depends from claim 54. Support for new claim 55 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 56 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 56 depends from claim 55. Support for new claim 56 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 57 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 57 depends from claim 54. Support for new claim 57 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 58 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 58 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 59 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 59 depends from claim 58. Support for new claim 59 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 60 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 60 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 61 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 61 depends from claim 60. Support for new claim 61 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 62 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 62 depends from claim 60. Support for new claim 62 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 63 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 63 depends from claim 62. Support for new claim 63 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 64 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 64 depends from claim 63. Support for new claim 64 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 65 is broader in scope than the original claims. Support for new claim 65 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 66 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 66 depends from claim 65. Support for new claim 66 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 6:6-14, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 67 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 67 depends from claim 65. Support for new claim 67 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 68 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 68 depends from claim 67. Support for new claim 68 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 69 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 69 depends from claim 65. Support for new claim 69 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 70 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 70 depends from claim 65. Support for new claim 70 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 71 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 71 depends from claim 70. Support for new claim 71 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 72 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 72 depends from claim 65. Support for new claim 72 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 73 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 73 depends from claim 72. Support for new claim 73 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 74 was added to the present reissue application. Support for new claim 74 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 75 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 75 depends from claim 74. Support for new claim 75 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 6:6-14, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 76 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 76 depends from claim 74. Support for new claim 76 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

New claim 77 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 77 depends from claim 74. Support for new claim 77 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

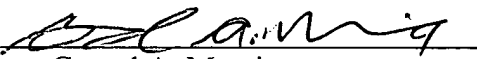
New claim 78 was added to the present reissue application. New claim 78 depends from

claim 74. Support for new claim 78 is found in the specification, e.g., in col. 4, col. 13-col.14, col. 19:7-col. 28:45 and in Figures 10-13B.

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